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Governor Ingrid's Notes / December 2018



As we embrace this festive season, I'm sending my best wishes to our Rotary families across our District. May our hearts be touched with the beauty of the season, the love and connections with family and friends, and the moments of joy and contentment that come with knowing we have made a positive difference in our communities by sharing peace and love!

District Governor Nominee Designate

With great pleasure, I announce that our District 5370 Nominating Committee has selected Dr. Donna Barrett as District Governor Nominee Designate for 2021- 2022. Donna is past-president of the Rotary Club of Edmonton Sunrise and is District Leadership Development Chair. Welcome to the District Governor Team!

Membership

Our focus on supporting and strengthening our clubs to grow membership is showing positive results! After several years of steady decline, we have a slight increase in District membership.

Club presidents and secretaries, please ensure to reach out to members who have not attended meetings nor service projects to re-engage them in your club, instead of removing them from your membership list. This time of the season and the beginning of a new calendar year is a great time to reconnect and to be reminded of the value of service through Rotary.

Please check the list of clubs that have re-engaged or attracted members. Congratulations to Rotary Clubs of Dawson Creek and Edmonton West who lead the way with eight new members! Clubs that have grown their membership by three or more since July 1 are Dawson Creek Sunrise, Edmonton South, Edmonton Strathcona, Slave Lake, Yellowknife, Parkland After Dark, Lloydminster Border City, Fort St. John, Camrose, Fort Nelson, Fort McMurray, Morinville, The Battlefords and Whitecourt. Keep up the momentum! We have many reasons to be proud of Rotary's work.

Rotary Foundation

Support for our District Peacebuilder Fund continues to grow! We are over \$21,000. Many thanks to all clubs and individuals supporting this important initiative, and the Rotary Clubs of The Battlefords and Grande Prairie for the most recent donations. The Rotary Foundation will send donor receipts.

Thank you to our Paul Harris Fellows who support the Foundation with a gift of \$1,000 each Rotary year and two members who have recently reached the major donor status of \$10,000.

Thank you to all those who regularly support our Annual Fund and the Polio Plus funds.

Let's have spectacular attendance at the Oil Kings hockey game on February 18, 2019, where \$7 from every ticket will support End Polio Campaign.

Special Recognition

Dr. Doug MacDougall of the Rotary Club of Edmonton West is celebrating his 100th birthday on December 26, 2018. Doug joined the club in 1959. He was an active member until last year!

Please join me in congratulating Doug on this remarkable birthday and best wishes for many happy healthy years to come!

FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE -- Giovanni di Bernardone (Francis of Assisi)

Peace and Joy,
Ingrid

Recent Posts to Rotary International District 5370 News blog

Turn donating to The Rotary Foundation into a game with yourself

Supporting The Rotary Foundation doesn't have to be tedious.

Gamification—defined by Merriam Webster as “the process of adding games or game-like elements to something (such as a task) so as to encourage participation”—of TRF fundraising isn't limited to club-wide activities. Individuals can turn determining how much to donate to TRF into a bit of a game with themselves.

Here are a few alternatives to a “I-guess-I'll-write-a-checke-again-this-year” approach to your TRF donation. They allow factors beyond your control to determine how much you'll give—although we still encourage you to begin by meeting the Sustaining Member standard of \$US100 (about \$CA140), each year.

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Edmonton Rotarian revives and donates old ambulances to to Belize, Mexico and Africa



Some people collect coins. Others fill albums with postage stamps from around the world. But not Roman Bayrock (RC of Edmonton Riverview). He collects ambulances.

So far, he has obtained 11 of these life-saving vehicles, after they have been retired by Alberta Health Services.

Once these ambulances are refurbished, they are designated for developing countries where the need for them is great.

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TRF Global Grants fund water and sanitation projects in Africa and South America proposed by District 5370 clubs

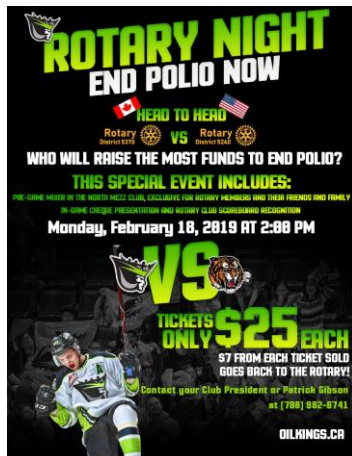
Global Grants from The Rotary Foundation that were recently awarded to the Rotary Clubs of Wainwright and Spruce Grove mean that students at a school in northern Ghana and residents of a community in rural Ecuador will soon have access to clean drinking water.

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District and Club Announcements and Reminders

The Rotary Foundation – When you [donate to TRF Canada](#) before the end of December, you will receive a receipt you can use when filing your 2018 tax return.

District Conference 2019 – Register today for 2019 District Conference in Grande Prairie, October 3 to 5. [Register now!](#)



End Polio Hockey Game – Tickets are now available for the annual PolioPlus hockey game on Monday, February 18, when the Edmonton Oil Kings will host the Medicine Hat Tigers. Tickets are \$25 each, with \$7 going to fight polio. For tickets, contact Kevin Mack (780) 409-5889 or kmack@edmontonoilers.com.

Rotary Districts 5360/5370 Bonspiel – February 28 to March 3 in Lethbridge, hosted by Rotary Club of Lethbridge. See the attached PDF or contact Nick Nicolacopoulos, nick@grdsec.ca or (403) 393-4340, for more information.

Interested in a trip to Greece in September 2019?

After two successful tours of Greece in 2016 and 2018, with about a dozen members of the Rotary of Edmonton Strathcona, Dimitri Papanicolas is considering organizing another tour for September 2019. This 10-day bus tour of the Greek mainland will begin in Athens and include visits to archeological and religious sites, food and wine tasting and visiting local Rotarians in the towns where we will overnight. Island and cruise tours can be organized separately by individuals before or after the tour. If you are interested, please email Dimitri at papanicolasd@outlook.com and he will call you back. The cut-off for participation is January 25.

Rotary Beach Party

The Rotary Club of Sherwood Park is hosting “Beach Party Rotary” on March 16, 2019 at the Log Cabin in Sherwood Park (50 Spruce Ave, Sherwood Park). Dinner, entertainment, dance, auction. Dress in your best beach attire and enjoy a brief reprieve from winter. More information to follow soon.

Is your club planning an event which other Rotarians should know about? Would you like to invite them to attend? Send your announcements to nmscott@telus.net by January 10 to be included in the next newsletter. Announcements should be brief, and ideally include a link to a website where Rotarians can go to learn more, register or buy tickets.